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Customers living in California, Montana, Florida, Arizona and Washington of course know that these states have laws requiring inspection and fumigation of all shrubs, plants and trees by their own official inspectors. Such conditions naturally make it impossible for any grower to promise how or when the most carefully selected and packed stock will reach its destination in these States

WINDOW PLANTS

Abutilon, in variety
Achyranthus, in variety
Agathaea Monstrosa, blue
Ageratum, Blue Perfection
Dwarf, white
Alternanthera, red
Golden leaved
Jewel or Brilliantissima
Alyssum, Little Gem
Amomum Cardamomum
Antirrhinum (Snapdragon)
in variety
Asparagus, Sprengeri
Begonia, in variety
Bosea Yervamora
Boston Smilax
Brugmansia Suaveolens
Bryophyllum Calceinum
Buddleia Asiatica
Oestrum, Parquill, night-blooming
Christmas Cactus
Citrus trifoliata
Coleus, in variety
Commelyna Sellowiana
Blue, also Rose
Crape Myrtle, crimson, pink
Crassula cordata, succulent
Portulaca, large leaved.
Cuphea platycentra
Cyclamen, in variety
Cyperus alternifolius
Daisy Marguerite, white
Eupatorium serrulatum
Riparium, white
Ficus repens, a lovely creeper, attaches to and covers walls in the South.
Fittonia argyryneura
Fuchsia, in variety
Geraniums, Zonale, single
White, rose, pink, scarlet and crimson
Double, white, rose, pink, scarlet, crimson
Ivy-leaved, white, rose, pink, scarlet, crimson
Scented-leaved in variety
Goldfussia
Guava
Habrothamnus elegans
Heliotrope, white, blue
Hibiscus, in variety
Hydrangea Hortensis
Impatiens, in variety
Ipomoea, Grandiflora
Ivy, Irish/or Parlor
Jacobinia coccinea
Justicia sanguinea, Velutina
Jasmine, in variety
Lantana, in variety
Libonia Perrostensis
Lopesia rosea, the Mosquito Plant
Mackaya Bella, red flowers
Madrera Vine, white flowers
Mantella bicolor, vine
Maurandya, mixed
Mecombiana themum grandiflorum, rose
Muehlenbeckia repens

Myosotis semperflorens, Oleander, pink, white
Lillian Henderson
Opuntia variegata
Othonna crassifolia
Oxalis, Golden Star
Panicum variegatum, a lovely basket grass
Peltaria Alliacea
Peristrophe angustifolia variegata; beautiful
Petunia, Double, in variety
Pilea, Artillery plant
Plumbago Capensis
Capensis alba
Poinciana Gillesi
Rivina humilis
Russelia Formosa, scarlet
Salvia splendens, in variety
Sempervivum, fine mixed
Solanum, Pseudo-capsicum in variety
Strobilanthes Anisophyllus
Dyerianus, metallic red
Surinam Cherry, evergreen
Tradescantia, green and white
Multicolor, red and pink
Zebrina, green and brown

HARDY PLANTS.

Ægopodium podagraria
Anthemis, Kelwayi, in variety
Aquilegia, in variety
Aster, hardy, mixed
Bocconia cordata
Boltonia glastifolia
Centauria Montana
Cinnamon vine
Citrus trifoliata
Clematis paniculata, in variety
Compass Plant, Silphium
Coreopsis Lanceolata
Grandiflora Eldorado
Dianthus, in variety
Dictamnus fraxinella, red
White, handsome
Digitalis, in variety
Eupatorium ageratoides in variety
Eulalia Gracillima, striped
Zebrina, zebra-striped
Fragaria Indica
Funkia ovata, violet
Fortunei, lilac flowers
Sieboldii, blue foliage
Undulata variegata
Gypsophila Repens
Hemerocallis, Lemon Lily
Amurbergii, later sort
Dumortieri, orange
Distichia, double, blotched
Fulva, also Kwanso fl. pl.
Kwanso, 5 ft. high, showy
Hibiscus, Crimson Eye
Iris, German Blue
May Queen
Cream yellow
Rose Queen
Florentine, White
Blue, also Purple
Mme. Chereau, blue

Iris, Pallida Dalmatica, blue
Pseudo-acorus yellow, Siberica, mixed
Kaempferi in variety
Fumila, yellow, blue
Leucanthemum Californica
Monarda didyma, scarlet
Fistulosa
Hybrida
Myosotis, Palustris, blue in variety
Nepeta, Catnip
Oenothera Lamarckiana
Youngii, golden; beautiful
Pansy Red, Blue, Variegated, Yellow, Black, White, Azure, Striped, Bl'ched
Pansy, old-fashioned John-n-y-jump-up, small fl's
Papaver Orientale, large scarlet and red flowers
Pardanthus, Blackb'y Lilly
Phlox, in variety
Pinks, hardy, in sorts
Platycodon, blue, white
Platycodon, double white
Poppy Nudicaule, mixed
Oriental, dark red
Princess Victoria, per.
Royal Scarlet, per.
Primula officinalis, yellow in variety
Rudbeckia, in variety
Rocket, Sweet, tall, white
Tall, purple
Sage, Broad-leaved
Shasta Daisy, Alaska
Californica, yellow
Etoile d'Anvers
Solidago Canadensis
Spiraea in variety
Sweet William in variety
Syringa vulgaris
Tansy, fern-leaved
Thyme, broad-leaf English
Summer
Tricyrtus Hirta, Toad Lily
Valerian, fragrant, white
Scarlet; also Rose
Vernonia noveboracensis
Prostrata, fine
Wallflower, Parisian

SHRUBS AND TREES.

Abella rupestris
Æsculus, Horse Chestnut
Althea, single
Althea, double, in sorts
Joan of Arc, white, double
Pæoniiflora, double, lilac
Ampelopsis Veitchi
Quinquifolia
Andromeda arborea
Berberis Thunbergii
Vulgaris, green
Bignonia, Trumpet Vine
Bignonia grandiflora
Capreolata, Cross vine
Boxwood, Buxus, common
Calliocalpa Americana
Californica Privet
Calycanthus floridus
Præcox

Catalpa Kamperfi
Cercis Canadensis
Cornus Florida, Dogwood, in variety
Desmodium penduliflorum
Dilleni
Deutzia gracilis
Candidissima, white
Crenata fl. pleno, rose
Lemone, double white
Pride of Rochester
Euonymus Americana
Fagus ferrug., Beech
Forsythia Suspensa (Sieb)
Viridissima
Glycine Frutes., Wistaria
Honeysuckle, Hall's hardy
Reticulata aurea
Horse Chestnut
Hydrangea arborescens
sterilis, summer-bloom.
Paniculata grandiflora.
autumn-blooming.
Jasmine nudiflorum
Ligustrum Amoor river
Oiliatum
Ovalifolium, Cal. Privet
Golden-leaved
Ibottum, free-blooming
Lilac, white, also purple
Josikaea
Liriodendron, Tulip tree
Loniceria Morrowii
Bush Honeysuckle
Magnolia, Cucumber Tree
McClura, Osage Orange
Mulberry, black
Rubra, red; also Russian
Philadelphus grandiflorus
Coronarius, Mock Orange
Prisel Berry, evergreen
Pussy Willow
Pyrus baccata, Berried Crab
Rhus, Aromatic, fragrant
Rosa Rugosa, Japan Rose
Rosa Rubiginosa, Sw. Brier
Rose, Crimson Rambler
Hiawatha, single, climb'g
Lady Gay, double "
Prairie Queen
Seven Sisters, d'ble, pink
Tennessee Belle, double
Wichuriana, white
Spiraea, Anthony Waterer
Billardi
Callosa alba
Opulifolia, white; red pods
Prunifolia, white, early
Reevesii, double white
Tomentosa, pink, white
Symporicarpus Racemosa
Vulgaris, Indian Currant
Racemosa, Cork Elm
Viburnum Opulus
Weigela floribunda rosea
Candidissima, white
Hendersoni
Harigsted-leaved
Willow for baskets
Weeping, common
Wistaria magnifica
Sinensis, Chinese
Yucca Filamentosa

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It is conservatively estimated that over three million people annually in this country alone are taking Nuxated Iron. Such astonishing results have been reported from its use both by doctors and laymen, that a number of physicians in various parts of the country have been asked to explain why they prescribe it so extensively, and why it apparently produces so much better results than were obtained from the old forms of inorganic iron.

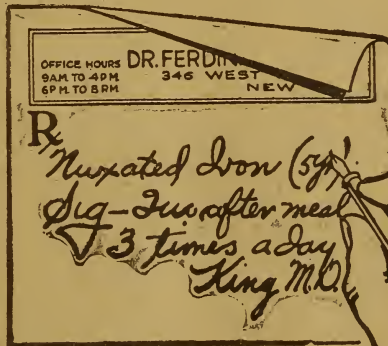
Extracts from some of the letters are given below:

Dr. Ferdinand King, a New York physician and Medical Author, says: "There can be no sturdy iron men without iron." Pallor means anaemia. Anaemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anaemic men and women is pale—the flesh flabby. The muscles lack tone, the brain fags and the memory fails and they often become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy. When the iron goes from the blood of women, the roses go from their cheeks.

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Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.), New York, and the Westchester County Hospital said: "I have strongly emphasized the great necessity of physicians making blood examinations of their weak, anaemic, run-down patients. Thousands of persons go on year after year suffering from physical weakness and a highly nervous condition due to lack of sufficient iron in their red blood corpuscles, without ever realizing the real and true cause of their trouble. Without iron in your blood your food merely passes through the body, somewhat like corn through an old mill with rollers so wide apart that the mill can't grind.



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ready to be taken up and assimilated by the human system.

"Notwithstanding all that has been said and written on the subject by well-known physicians, thousands of people still insist in dosing themselves with metallic iron simply I suppose, because it costs a few cents less. I strongly advise readers in all cases, to get a physician's prescription for organic iron—Nuxated Iron—or if you don't want to go to this trouble then purchase only Nuxated Iron in its original packages and see that this particular name (Nuxated Iron) appears on the package. If you have taken preparations such as Nux and Iron and other similar iron products and failed to get results, remember that such products are an entirely different thing from Nuxated Iron.

If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary Nuxated Iron three times per day for two weeks, then test your strength again and see how much you have gained.

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GROW THIS BEAN

— 1200 TO 1 —



This is a war garden Bean. Everyone who has seen plants of it growing or harvested say they never saw its equal. They are simply amazed at the great profusion of pods and handsome white Beans. This illustration does not show anywhere near all the pods on the plant for they are all through the foliage and on opposite side as abundant as in front.

It is a Gigantic Wonder—over 200 pods have grown on a single plant—all well filled, producing over 1200 Beans from 1 Bean planted. Plants grow strong and erect, branching out in all directions, bearing pods up well from the ground,

which literally load the plants; Beans being pure white and of best quality.

Plant in your garden or any good soil, only 1 Bean in a hill, and they will mature a crop in about 80 days, ripening very evenly, and the growth and yield will simply surprise you. Just the Bean everyone should plant this year for it will make the greatest yield from a little space—of all Beans.

One customer grew over \$8.00 worth of these pure white Beans from a few planted in one corner of a small garden.

My supply is yet limited and I can offer only in sealed packets containing about 50 Beans each, with cultural directions.

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ROSE HILL, N. Y.



SONGS FOR ME AND MY CAL,
On the South Sea Isle, Down Honolulu Way, War Brides, Pretty Baby, You, Hawaiian Butterfly, War Babies, Indiana, Mammy's Little Cole Black Rose, Tipperary, America Here's My Boy, Here Comes the Bride, I Love the Ladies, Good Bye Boys, Old Maid's Ball, Chinatown, Hello Hawaii, There Only an Irishman's Dream, Let's All Be Americans Now. When the Bonnie Bonnie Heather is Blooming, also 1000 Other Latest SONGS, RECITATIONS, TOASTS, etc., 100 MOVIE STAR pictures, and 50 U. S. Flag Colored Gummied Buttons (ALL THE BAGS) **ALL FOR 10 CENTS**



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APRIL SOLILOQUY.

The cherry petals strew the lane,
A snowstorm shaken by the breeze;
So life, like springtime, blooms again,
Withers and drifts away like these.

Baltimore, Md

William Thompson.

PTERIS QUADRIAURITA ARGYRÆA.

A VERY BEAUTIFUL tropical Fern of easy propagation from spores, and easy culture in the window or conservatory is *Pteris Quadriaurita Argyræa*. The fronds issue freely from the base and spread

aloue descriptions the specific name is mostly omitted, and the Fern is known as *Pteris Argyræa*. This is one of the Ferns that can readily be procured from the florist, and one of the most satisfactory. It deserves to be generally grown.

Poppies.—The Oriental Poppies (*Papaver Orientalis*) were grown to decorate the gardens of Tarquinius Superbus at Rome 2,400 years ago, and have been in use for decorative purposes ever since. The historian Livy is authority for this information, and adds that they were the “tallest and most conspicuous plants grown”.



PTERIS QUADRIAURITA ARGYRÆA.

out gracefully, as indicated in the engraving, each frond having a more or less distinct silvery band down the centre. The pinnae or “leaflets” are attractively serrated and exquisitely marked, and a well-grown plant is of fine effect, either as a specimen or when grouped with other Ferns of similar character. In cat-

Blue Hydrangea.—If a few crystals of copper sulphate are applied as a dressing to the soil in which the Chinese Hydrangeas are growing, the tendency is to give a blue color to the flowers. The same effect can be obtained also by mixing the crystals with the potting soil. Avoid using the material too freely.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

IN ORDER to relieve Mr. Park still further of the details of the large business he has built up here at LaPark, and leave his time and mind entirely free for the travelling and writing upon which he has so long had his mind set, I am this month formally assuming the responsibilities of publisher, as you will see by the change in the announcement at the top of this page.

The readers of the Magazine will therefore understand that Mr. Park's connection with this business from now on will be purely as editor and correspondent, and that he will have none of the worries and distractions of the publisher, all of which will naturally fall upon my shoulders.

In assuming this additional roll, I do so with the realization that I must maintain the standard of simple excellence that has distinguished the publication for so many years, and endeared it to lovers of flowers throughout the nation.

I, myself, bring to the business a rather wide experience in the publishing and seed business, and with the loyal co-operation of the organization built up by Mr. Park, and such additions as I shall from time to time find it necessary to make, I feel that I can promise you all a magazine, and service in our seed and plant departments, that will merit your continued patronage.

But I would very much prefer to have you judge how successful I have been after a year's experience with me, rather than from any promises that are so easy to make in advance.

Please feel free to write to me on any subject connected with this business that you believe can be worked out on other lines for the better interest of all concerned.

JAMES WILLIAM BRYAN.

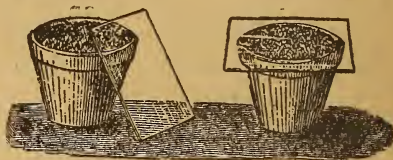
Eccremocarpus Scaber. — This is a graceful and handsome vine bearing a profusion of small bright orange, tubular flowers in clusters. The plant is from Chili, and hardy at the south, but must be carefully protected at the north, or started in early spring from seeds. Start each plant in a pot, and turn it out in rich, well-prepared soil in a sunny place, and furnish support promptly.



ECCREMOCARPUS SCABER.

SOWING FINE SEEDS.

SEEDS THAT are very small, such as Begonia, Gloxinia, etc., can be successfully sown in this way. Get a fern dish, or a pot, and fill it to within two inches of the top with good, pulverized loam, well firmed, then apply water until the loam is thoroughly moistened. This done, place over the surface an inch layer of finely sifted leaf or woods soil, slightly moist, and well pressed, and on this sow the seeds. Do not cover then, but



place a window pane over the pot and set in a dark, moderately warm closet until germination takes place, then bring gradually to the light and provide ventilation. The wet soil beneath will keep the earth above moist until the seeds start. Avoid direct sunlight upon the young plants, and manage the ventilation so as to avoid "damping off".

Transplanting Hollies. — Hollies are not difficult to transplant successfully either in fall or spring, but it is important not to allow the fibrous roots to become dry. A damp, cloudy spell of weather should be chosen for the work, and damp sphagnum moss or a wet cloth should be wrapped around the roots as soon as they are exposed to the air. Coniferous evergreens are also successfully transplanted with this precaution. Their sap is resinous, and if the fibrous roots are allowed to dry out the resin becomes hard, and does not regain its plastic form. The best time in spring for transplanting these trees is just when the new growth is starting.

A Good Fertilizer. — Get a water-tight, open-end barrel, and put in a layer of dry soil a half foot in depth. Then, on this place a layer of bones, then a layer of unleached wood ashes, and thus alternate layers of bones and ashes until the barrel is full. Then thoroughly wet the compost, and leave it exposed to sun and rain until next spring, when the bones will be dissolved, and can be readily incorporated with the ashes. This is a first-class fertilizer for flowers and vegetables, and can thus be obtained at a nominal cost.

White Worms. — The small white worms that infest the soil, appear in great number only in sour or stagnant soil. In porous well-drained soil exposed to direct sunlight you will not find them. Let the earth become almost dry, then apply lime-water until it runs freely from the drainage hole at the bottom of the pot. This will sweeten the soil and eradicate the pest.



GOLDEN GLOW.

MANY OF the Magazine readers in the Eastern States may have noticed a rather tall, coarse weed growing by the water's edge, clothed with deeply-lobed foliage and bearing in autumn a bright array of single golden flowers. That plant is *Rudbeckia laciniata*, and from it developed the beautiful, hardy, free-blooming plant bearing showy double flowers, known as Golden Glow, one of the most attractive of our perennials.

Golden Glow thrives in moist, deep, rich

soil, where it attains the height of six feet, becoming a gorgeous mass of bloom, eliciting the admiration of all who pass. It is especially suited for bold clumps upon large grounds, or in the rear of a border of humble plants, and when in bloom can be seen at a great distance. Plants are rapidly increased by division of the clumps, and this should be attended to in the spring every third year. The engraving shows a plant and flowers, and does not exaggerate its beauty. It is one of the good things that should be in every collection.

OLD-FASHIONED LILAC.

AMONG THE CHOICE flowering shrubs that do not depreciate with age is the old-fashioned Lilac. It is perfectly hardy, is not subject to disease, and every year is covered with big panicles of small, deliciously scented lilac-colored flowers, as represented in the engraving. Once established a plant will live for a generation, and the beauty and fragrance of the early spring bloom will brighten and sweeten the home during all those years.

The Lilac will grow in any good, rich soil in a sunny exposure. It has no enemy except the oyster-scale insect, which settles along the stems and sucks out the life-blood of the plant. This, however, is readily destroyed by spraying with lime and sulphur solution early in spring, before the leaves develop, or by using

COBOEA SCANDENS.

ONE OF THE most rapid growing and desirable of vines for home and garden decoration is *Coboea Scandens*, a native of Mexico, easily started from seeds. It is beautiful in foliage, and during summer and autumn the vine is made doubly attractive by its abundance of graceful, long-stemmed purple bells, which nod and swing so fairy-like among the foliage that one almost listens for sweet tones to fall upon the ear.

The seeds are flat and disk-like, and in planting should be set edge-wise an eighth inch deep in sandy soil. Transplant when the plants have formed true leaves. The best place for the vines is the south side of a house or wall. Furnish string support as soon as the plants show a disposition to run, and keep the



CLUSTER OF OLD-FASHIONED LILAC—SYRINGA VULGARIS.

ordinary white-wash, applying it with a brush to the trunk and branches. The plants are readily propagated by root cuttings and seeds. In the far west, where the land is impregnated with alkali the Lilac will sometimes fail to bloom. A mulch of fresh slacked lime stirred into the surface, and the soil well cultivated to allow the air access to the roots, will be found beneficial.

To promote the development of large, handsome panicles of bloom mulch the soil with stable litter in autumn, and stir it in with some lime in early spring. Then, as soon as the shrub blooms cut off the fading panicles, to prevent seed formation, and thus throw the strength into the new growth of branches and embryo buds.

The Lilac is one of the good things that should have a place at every home where there is some spare ground. Everybody admires it, everybody can grow it, and it is the one choice shrub for everybody.

soil well worked and enriched. They will reach the height of thirty feet in a season, and can be cut back, potted, and used for window decoration in winter. They do well in either shade or sun, but prefer a place partially sheltered from the hot rays of mid-day. The seeds cost but little, and there is no reason for doing without a supply of the vines every season. They bloom until cut down by frost.

Amaryllis Formosissima.—This is a native bulbous flower of Mexico. It grows a foot high, bears a showy, rich scarlet flower at the summit, and likes porous soil and a sunny situation. Where the soil is not naturally light and porous you can plant the bulbs in a bed prepared by mixing well-rotted chip-dirt with the soil—making it half chip-dirt. If the bulb is set six inches deep and covered with chip-dirt it does well. The plant must have plenty of direct sunlight and good drainage to mature well and form buds.



Polemonium Richardsoni.—A handsome, hardy perennial blooming from July till October, is the one represented in the engraving on this page, *Polemonium Richardsoni*. It is rather dwarf in habit, growing only about a foot high, and its stems are angular and hairy, bearing pale-blue flowers in abundance, as indicated. The foliage is dark green, silvery underneath and quite dense and attractive. Once established the plant is last-

ing, and increases in beauty with age. It is especially valuable for the rockery, as a bed in a well-drained sunny situation. The plant was discovered by the Arctic explorer, Dr. Richardson near Great Bear Lake about 1820, and was named in his honor. It is easily propagated by seeds, and is considered preferable to *Polemonium cœruleum*, the popular perennial known as Jacob's Ladder.

EVERGREEN CLIMBERS.

AMONG THE BEST of evergreen climbers for walls and for a screen for an old stump or building are English Ivy and *Euonymus radicans variegata*. These are hardy, and the stems densely set with handsome foliage that retains its color in both summer and winter. In the South Hall's Honeysuckle and the Japanese *Akebia* (*Quinata*), are almost if not quite evergreen. Also Yellow Jasmine (*Gelsemium*) and *Cotoneaster microphylla*. The Jasmine will bloom in winter or very early spring, while the *Cotoneaster* is a mass of pretty foliage set off with clusters of crimson berries. Grown together the profusion of Yellow Jasmine flowers mingled with the crimson fruit of the *Cotoneaster* yields a fine display at a time when color is much appreciated.



AKEBIA.

Gypsophila paniculata.—This is a very useful hardy perennial, showy in the garden and invaluable for cutting. The plant grows from two to three feet high, and the pretty little flowers are borne in great profusion upon fairy-like stems, so that a plant in full bloom appears as a cloud of beauty. When cut and mingled with other and larger flowers in a bouquet the effect is to give grace and beauty to the whole. Plants may be started from seeds, or by division of the old plants. There is a dwarf variety useful for the rockery, also a double-flowered variety, but for general purposes none surpass or equal the original sort. Once the beauty and utility of this perennial is known it will always have a place where flowers are grown for cutting.



GYPSOPHILA.

Magnolias.—*Magnolia stellata* is the earliest and most free-blooming sort, the buds tinted pink, but opening white. The plant is of dwarf, bushy habit, perfectly hardy, and to get the best effect should be set in front of an evergreen, not a white wall or building. This and other *Magnolias* are propagated by layers of the branches. To get good, robust branches for layering a tree is cut back to the ground and the layers put down as soon as the sprouts have attained sufficient length.

Chinese Lilies.—These are of no value after blooming in winter in the house. It kept till another year they will produce nothing but leaves. In a mild climate the bulbs can be bedded in the garden after blooming, setting them four inches deep. At the north they might as well be discarded.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Wistaria.—Mr. Park: Please tell me what to do for my *Wistaria*. It does not bloom, and the leaves pucker around the margin, then turn black and die, although the growth is vigorous.—M. E. H., Ohio, Feb. 11, 1918.

Ans.—The plant should be in a sunny place, and the soil sandy and well drained. Mulch with lime, stirring it into the surface soil, and if a fertilizer is needed use bone meal. As autumn approaches root-prune the plant by sinking a sharp spade a foot deep in a circle two feet from the plant. If, with this treatment the plant fails to bloom in the course of two years discard it and replace with one grown from a cutting of a blooming plant. Seedlings are sometimes so tardy in blooming that it does not pay to keep them.

Solanum Dulcamara.—I have a vine with a lobed leaf, and the blossoms shaped something like a *Cyclamen*, only much smaller, blue with yellow centre. Later it bears red berries. What is it, and are the berries poisonous?—Mrs F. F., Oreg.

Ans. This description answers to *Solanum Dulcamara*. The plants and berries are considered poisonous when taken internally in sufficient quantity. The berries of *S. Dulcamara* are known to have caused the death of a child who ate of them. The same poisonous principle, however, is known to be in green tomatoes, which have caused death when eaten, and potato sprouts, which are equally poisonous. *S. Dulcamara* is a European plant that has escaped cultivation in this country. At one time it was considerably used by physicians as a remedy for cutaneous diseases, rheumatism, and some other affections, but is now almost discarded as a medicine.



SOLANUM.

California Pepper Tree.—Mr. Park:—I planted seeds of California Pepper Tree a year ago, and raised a fine plant which I kept in the house over winter. I wish to set it out, as it will take up too much room in the window, and would like to know if it is hardy here.—Mrs Piper, Mo.

Ans.—The Pepper tree, *Schinus Molle*, is a very beautiful evergreen tree, hardy in southern California, but would not prove hardy in Missouri. It would be a fine shade tree in Florida and southern Texas. In autumn the rich dark green foliage is set off by immense panicles of bright red berries. It is easily grown from seeds.

Vitis Henryana.—This beautiful variegated-leaved, Ampelopsis-like vine, was first found by Dr. Henry in Central China. It is not quite hardy at LaPark when young, but may prove hardy when the plant, by protection, attains age and size. It is a lovely trellis vine, every leaf exquisitely tinted with various chaste colors during summer and autumn.

PRIMROSES.

I WANT to speak of my table of Primroses. Giant *Malacoides* is a wonder. The large plant has hundreds of clusters, fragrant and beautiful. A delicate pink *Obconica* has leaves measuring from five and a half to six inches across, and magnificent large blossoms. If people only knew the beauty of Prim-



PRIMULA MALACOIDES.

roses, and how easily they are cared for, much more would be invested in them and they would be far more popular as window plants in winter. I have been growing Primroses for years, but never before had such fine ones as I have now in the new, improved varieties.

Clara H. Marden

Penacook, N. H., Feb. 14, 1918.

Coboea.—If the floral sisters want a beautiful vine, I would advise them to get seeds of Coboea. It is a rapid grower, and the large purple and green bells are very handsome. Set the seeds edgewise in sandy well-drained soil, and water moderately till the plants appear.

Mrs. A. Bradshaw.

Jerseyville, Ont.

Verbenas.—My Verbenas raised from seeds had beautiful, fragrant clusters throughout summer and until after frost. There were many rich shades, some with eye, some pink, some striped, but all showy and handsome. They make a fine bed, and if grown in a pot will bloom well in a sunny window in winter.

Emory, Texas. Mrs. Lela McCormick.

Wallflower.—Some years ago I started seeds of Wallflower in the house and set the plants out doors. They grew, but did not bloom. I took some up and potted them, and by Christmas they were full of pretty, yellow, fragrant blooms, continuously produced.

Torrington, Wyo. Mrs. M. E. Mayo.

FLORAL NOTES.

Dahlias.—Flowers that do well here in Oklahoma will thrive any place, as we have so much sand and strong wind. It is therefore a pleasure to report my success with Dahlias from seeds. The seeds germinated as readily as those of Zinnia, and the plants come on rapidly, blooming early in autumn, and keeping up the display until frost. Pinks, Portulaca, Centaureas, Zinnias, Balsam Apple and Kudzu vine also do well here. These, with the Dahlias, grow right along and bloom during the hot, dry months. Mrs. A. H. Malone.

Grimes, Okla.

Giant Bellis.—One of the prettiest borders I have ever seen was pink Bellis or English Daisy. I saw it used in two places here last summer. It was planted so it made a solid bank of flowers over a foot wide, and the whole length of a walk. It was of the common Bellis, but I have seen the giant Bellis also here, and it is beautiful. All grow easily and seed themselves.

Carvallis, Oreg.

Mrs. A. J. C. Black.

Hibiscus.—Six years ago I planted a packet of mixed Meehan Hibiscus seeds. They germinated well and grew to be large plants that year. I set them out in a row in the garden, and they come up every spring from the roots, and make finer clumps with more blooms each year. The blossoms are dark pink to snow white, and about four inches across. They are not unlike large single Hollyhock blooms. The yellow ones with black centers are pretty also. They bloom all summer and require little attention. They are nice clean plants and no insects bother them.

Preston, Va.

L. Anthony.

Morning Glories.—Japanese Morning Glories are easily raised from seeds, but are not so hardy as the common Morning Glories. The plants grow freely and make dense shade, while the flowers are very beautiful and produced in great abundance. You cannot err in sowing seeds of these lovely, rapid-growing vines.

Leighton, Ala.

Mrs. C. E. Stanley.

Sweet Williams.—I have Sweet Williams from the seeds first procured ten years ago. I have raised eight generations of these grand border plants. My husband says of all the flowers I have the Sweet Williams are the first for him.

Dudley, Idaho

Mrs. M. C. Dudley.

Tuberous Begonias.—I wonder how people can do without Tuberous Begonias. I have yellow, white, red and pink. I planted them in April in good rich dirt. They grew very nice, and had such beautiful flowers. I plant them in pots and keep them just damp.

Hill Grove, O.

Mrs. E. C. White.



A FLOWER-GARDEN FOR FARM WOMEN.

OF ALL women on earth the farmer's wife should have a flower-garden. A very few women do not care for flowers, but most women love them, and those living in lonely isolated places find great comfort in a garden of flowers. A farmer's wife's work is hard and constant, and most farmers think that a garden of flowers for an already over-worked woman is worse than useless. But flowers have such a soothing effect on tired nerves, such a refining influence on children, that every country woman should consider herself entitled to a flower garden and a little time each day to work in it.

Where there are little children, the yard should not be cut up with flower beds. With

there is such a variety to choose from, and all are lovely and many are fragrant. They are not expensive, for they multiply so rapidly that a small start soon becomes an abundance.

Then there are Dahlias, which can be grown from the seed if desired, and they will bloom the first year, equally as early as those grown from bulbs. Try a packet of mixed Dahlia seeds and you will be delighted with the various colors and kinds you will have. I have succeeded in getting a start of some very large lovely double Dahlias in this way. The children take such pleasure in watching to see what kind and color the next Dahlia that opens will be, that I plant a mixed packet of seeds each year, and I enjoy the surprise as well as the children.

I know what it is to be lonely, and I know what a comfort flowers are. I know how they



BED OF DUTCH BULBS—TULIPS.

close cut grass and a few choice shrubs, and of course, shade trees, the yard should be the children's playground. But a long bed, four feet wide, at each side of the yard near the fence, where you can see it from your windows while you work is an ideal place. This bed can be planted in Dutch bulbs which bloom first in the spring, but of course you know they must be planted in the fall. The greatest results are obtained by making these beds very rich with well rotted manure. Seeds of annuals, such as Asters, Pansies, Balsams and any favorite flower, can be sown among these bulbs and they will bloom all summer after the tops of the bulbs have died down.

No one should try to do without Paeonies. They are such lovely flowers, large, double and many colors, and all they require is to be set in a rich place and let alone. They will not bloom for two years after transplanting. Lilies too, are a great "stand-by" for the farm woman. They will grow and multiply and bloom year after year with scarcely any care at all. And

divert the mind from toil and daily vexations that ever beset the farmer's wife. She needs comfort and pleasure daily, for she cannot get away from home often, for a little recreation, as those in towns and cities can. So let us not make our lives a burden of continual toil, but have at least a few flowers, and take a little time each day to cultivate and enjoy them.

Levy, Ark

Mrs. S. E. Bandy.

Tritoma.—This is an elegant and rare plant worthy of a trial. Each plant throws up several stalks from two to three feet high, each with a cluster of flame colored flowers of untold beauty. They keep a long time after being cut, and are not only showy in the garden but very valuable for cutting. At the North a little protection the first winter will be found of benefit.

Mrs. Culshaw.

Minneota, Minn., Jan. 5, 1918.



ARISAEMA TRIPHYLLA.

THIS CURIOUS-LOOKING PLANT is striped and tattooed like a Maori, dark brown curving lines on a clear, cool green, with flowers funnel-shaped. Is it not strange that I have it growing in the damp, dense shadow of my Polynesian Fern glade, where it seems perfectly at home? The central spadix of the flower resembles an uplifted Maori war-club. The leaves and flowers this year are immense, perhaps because of the heavy rains. One monstrous flower has two lids—a sort of improvised Pitcher plant, yet I don't think it could catch a drop of rain. Off in the background a young one is in bloom, with an unusual flower of sickly white, to which the tattooed spirals have not come. May it not be a little child-soul—the ghost of a flower too faint and frail for the world? An impression on life's photographic plate that slowly pined away?

Will Thompson.

Baltimore, Md.

Dahlias.—The plants grew rapidly and bloomed in the fall. As soon as the frost had withered the tops, I cut off the latter about six inches from the ground. I then took the spade and proceeded to dig them. I dug them with a great quantity of the dirt adhering to them (and here it may be added that I never dig the bulbs until the ground is dry). I stored them in the cellar and as soon as the weather moderated in the spring, set them into the ground.

I did not divide the tubers, as I have seen some folks do, and they grew much better, and bloomed much better also. A storm leveled one to the ground in May, but it quickly sent up new shoots. They were in bloom by the last of May, probably due to the rainy season we have had as I have not seen Dahlias in bloom at that time.

When the frost came a few weeks ago they were full of buds and flowers, which I oftentimes think is one of the cruelties of the frost. I expect to raise a larger crop of more varieties another year.

Edith G. Wilson.

Jonesburg P. O., Mo., Oct. 28, 1917.

Gaillardia:—Annual and Perennial.

Sow the seeds in the early spring in the garden. Both will bloom the first year, the annuals being single and double, and the perennials single. They are fine for cut flowers, and endure a drouth to perfection, blooming right along.

New Albany, Ind. G. A. Pleiss.

[Note.—A point of special merit in the Gaillardia, both annual and perennial, is their late blooming. Ordinary frosts will not hurt them, and fine clumps or beds of the flowers may be seen in good condition long after annuals have perished with the cold.—Ed.]

Pineapple.—I took the top of a Pineapple and put it in a glass vase. It grew, and when the roots reached the bottom of the vase I transplanted it to a flower pot. It has grown quite a bit since, and is a handsome pot plant.

Boulder, Colo.

Bessie Moore.

SINGLE PERENNIAL CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

HAVE YOU SEEN the new single 'Mums? If you have, then you have seen a charming type of flower that is unsurpassed for cutting. The plants grow into symmetrical bushes, bearing a mass of beautiful, single, semi-double and star-shaped flowers, three to four inches across. The colors range from white to red, light and deep yellow, terra cotta and purple shades. They are true perennials, but bloom the first season from seed if sown early. Seeds sown in April will begin blooming in September, sometimes earlier if given good care. They are catalogued as the most beautiful of all hardy autumn flowers. They are rare as yet, but few seedsmen listing them. I first saw them at our autumn Flower Show, and was immediately struck with the artistic grace and beauty of the few varieties shown. Of course I went home and began going through catalogues, and found them listed in only two, which shows that they are far from being common.

San Jose, Cal.

Ida A. Cope.

Ageratum.—Early in May I planted a packet of blue Dwarf Ageratum. I kept the



box on a shelf by the stove for a few days, sprinkling with warm water, and soon the tender green plants began to appear. After our garden was ready, about the first of June, I set out a dozen sturdy young Ageratum plants, and how they did grow and bloom! They were covered with soft downy heads of bloom, as blue as the summer

sky. At this present writing (Nov. 9th) I have a plant in my window with seven heads of blossoms, and I think it will prove one of my best winter bloomers.

Naomi Ingalls.

Belmont, Vt.

Bird of Paradise.—I had good success with Bird of Paradise, Poinciana Gillesii. I planted one seed in the garden in good rich soil, and it grew well and began to bloom beautifully in five months. My friends admired it so much that they all wanted a seed or two, which I was pleased to supply.

Caddo Co., Okla.

Mrs. Franklin.

Grape Hyacinth.—I wonder if any of your readers know what a treasure the dear little Grape Hyacinth is. I cut twenty-four beautiful spikes of blossoms the 29th of May from mine,—such beauties I never saw, and with the red and white Tulips I had a real Memorial Day for the soldier brother.

Roslindale, Mass.

Mrs. F. G. Rhodes.

SOME HARDY PERENNIALS.

THOSE WHO HAVE a perennial garden, or only a few choice perennial plants will readily attest to their great value and beauty. Requiring as they do, so little care, they more than repay one for the time spent upon them.

One of the most dainty and beautiful of the early spring-blooming perennials is the Hardy Primrose. Blossoming as it does during the



HARDY PRIMROSE.

month of April, it makes an ideal border plant for a bed of Hyacinths, Daffodils, Narcissus or Early Tulips. The plants form clumps from eight to twelve inches across, and about four or five inches high, the leaves being several inches long and about an inch and a half in width. The blossoms are borne in clusters on stems that are raised above the foliage, giving the plant the appearance of a solid clump of bloom. The individual blossoms measure about three-quarters of an inch across, and some are larger. They come in quite a wide range of colors, as: white, buff, yellow, deep rose eyed and laced with gold, maroon eyed and laced with gold, and many others. Some of them are deliciously fragrant. As cut flowers they are exquisite arranged in vases by themselves or with Daffodils and Narcissus.

Another beautiful hardy perennial is the Hardy Cosmos. It is not very often seen in hardy gardens, and its cultivation ought to become more general. The plants are most effective when arranged in clumps, about ten or twelve inches apart. Of course the clumps may be large of small, according to one's taste. The foliage is dense and fern-like, and of a very pleasing shade of green. The blossoms are borne on long, straight stems well above the foliage, each stem seldom bearing more than one blossom. The flowers are not unlike the Shasta Daisy in form, size and texture.

The colors range from pure white through the shades of rose to deep crimson. The clumps when in blossom attain a height of from two to three feet, and are a most beautiful sight when grown in mixed colors. Their flowering season is mid-summer. They are very fine for cutting, blend nicely with other flowers, or are very beautiful by themselves in vases. They have fine lasting qualities. Those who love the daisy-form of flowers will be delighted.

Both of the above perennials may be easily raised from seeds, which may be purchased from any reliable seedsman at a trifling cost. The seeds should be started in the early spring in boxes of leaf-mold and sand, or, in a cold frame. When the plants are large enough to transplant, they should be lifted and planted in their permanent quarters. They will not blossom the first year, but the second year they will commence to bloom and will continue for many years, growing finer each season. They will endure the most severe winters without protection, and the only care they require is to dig some well-rotted manure about the roots each spring and to see that the weeds are kept down, and that they do not lack water. When the plants become too crowded they should be lifted and divided, but this will not be necessary for some years.

Another valuable and beautiful perennial is the Oriental Poppy. Each plant becomes a good-sized clump, from which spring numbers of gorgeous, glowing, scarlet flowers of beautiful, silky texture, measuring from ten to twelve inches across, with black blotches at the base of each petal. These, too, are easily raised



ORIENTAL POPPY

from seed, which should be sown in the open ground in the Spring. The seed should be scattered very thinly, and covered slightly and left undisturbed until the following Spring, when they should be thinned out, leaving the plants that are to remain, undisturbed. The thinning out should be done on a cloudy day when the ground is moist. Most of the plants thus lifted and transplanted will live.

Poppies are very, very difficult to transplant and should never be disturbed when once they become established. These Poppies do not blossom until the second year. They are very hardy and endure the most severe Winters without protection. They are fine for cutting but do not blend well with other flowers, owing to their vivid, intense, scarlet color. They are beautiful, however, when arranged with any variety of ferns, or with perfectly white flowers. I imagine they would blend exquisitely with Shasta Daisies, (as they both blossom at the same season of the year.



COLUMBINE

A shade-loving perennial is the Columbine. They will become established and thrive in shady orchards among dense grass without any care. But when cultivated they are much larger and finer, and come in many colors and combinations. They blossom during the month of May, and when they open their drooping bells, not unlike a honey-comb, they form an irresistible attraction for humming birds, which hang on outspread wings beneath the blossoms like pendant gems, probing for the drop of nectar at the end of each spur. If you want to attract the humming birds to your homes just plant quantities of Columbines, which will last for a lifetime enduring the most severe winters, and stand transplanting without injury. They are easily raised from seeds, blossom the second year, and should be treated like other perennials.

Lillie Ripley.

Erie, Pa., Mar. 25, 1918.

Abutilon.—The hybrid varieties of Abutilon are beautiful plants with bright, drooping, bell-shaped flowers. They are among the most satisfactory of all house plants. I have a pink one that has not been without blossoms in three years. I would not be without this lovely plant. It is a pleasure just to hear the praise given it as people pass.

C. B. Hornor.

Morganville, N. J.

WHERE one wishes to grow only the choicest varieties of Dahlias the practical notes of others upon the varieties of merit are of interest. I will, therefore, name a few of my favorites.

Decorative.—Perle d'Or, a large, white, fringed flower of universal form. Delice, large, lasting, pink flowers which combine splendidly with those of Perle d'Or for cut flower work. Grand Duke Alexis, large flowers, white, tinted a variety that everybody likes. The roots of this Dahlia are difficult to keep in the cellar over winter, but I will have it if I have to buy it every Spring.

Cactus Dahlias.—Ensford, bright amber, of fine form; not early, but well worth waiting for; a new color, and can often be used in place of yellow for vase arrangements. Fairy, dainty, white. Mrs. T. W. Willis, large, white at base, the greater part a sort of violet-rose; unusual and beautiful. Glory of Wilts, large, finest yellow cactus I have grown. Countess of Lansdale, large, salmon, shaded apricot. A friend compared this variety to a bunch of fire-crackers. Rene Cayeux, red.

Show Dahlias.—A. D. Livoni, shell pink. Pompon, Bell of Springfield, red.

If asked to name the best half dozen in the list I would name the first six. But this would leave out some I should not want to do without. The variety we depend upon for early flowers, and the greatest bloomer in the set is the Belle of Springfield. The greatest bloomer in the Cactus section is Countess of Lansdale.

Bristol Co., Mass. Chas. G. Babcock.

[Note.—It is very important to grow Dahlias that will bloom freely. Too many bloom sparingly, and are of little practical value. A sandy, sunny place suits the plants, and the ground should be mulched with stable litter on the approach of summer.—Ed.]

Chrysanthemum.—Two years ago I sowed a package of mixed Chrysanthemum seeds. The bed was too dry, and only four plants came up. They grew fast and bloomed that fall. No two were alike, one was a soft, deep pink; double; one a double red mingled with yellow; one a single white with large yellow center, and the other a single, creamy yellow like a Daisy. The second year they made fine clumps, and were literally covered with blooms. They bloomed earlier than my other garden Mums, and were not easily injured by frost. Try some.

Mattie Anthony.

Preston, Va.

Electric Light Plant.—An "Electric Light" or "Spider Leg" plant makes a fine oddity in the flower garden or border. It begins blooming in several weeks from seeds, and blooms until killed by frost. The blooms are produced in circles on the stems, and are deep pink when they first open, and change to light pink or nearly white. A large plant makes a striking picture in early morning, the deep pink blooms within the circle of faded pink. It is not troubled by insects, and will grow anywhere, though does best in rich soil. It has curious thorns and a peculiar odor.

Spencer, Va.

M. C. Anthony.

FLORAL POETRY.

APRIL.

Oh, happy month of Robin-song,
Of heart-thrills, and of flowers!
We listen to fond Nature's voice,
And bless loved April's showers.

Minburn, Ia.

Mrs. B. S.

SPRING IN MISSISSIPPI.

It is spring in Mississippi!
Sweet spring, with perfumed breath,
Stands tiptoe in the valleys green
And woos the sleeping earth.
Then soon beneath her footsteps
Gay flowers deck the sod,
And clothe with bloom the pathways where
Her dainty feet have trod.

It is spring in Mississippi!
Time for young love and song,
When myriad birds are carolling
Their leafy bowers among
Where the lordly Massaseba
Pours down his mighty flood,
And old Tombigbee's placid waves
Flow twixt his verdant woods

When it's spring in Mississippi
Luxuriant Nature smiles
On woodland, garden, hedges,
And mortal care beguiles,
Where the Mocking-bird is thrilling
His love-notes to his mate,
Cherokee Rose, Camellia,
Bend 'neath their odoruous weight.

When it's spring in Mississippi
It's springtime everywhere;
But down here in God's country
It's a thousand times more fair.
No where else is verdure richer
Nor eyes so softly blue,
Odors so sweet, nor flowers so bright,
Nor hearts so warm and true.

Years from now, in Mississippi,
Fair spring will wake the earth,
And o'er Tombigbee's valleys green
Sweet flowers will spring to birth
But far beyond God's countless worlds
I'll leave these haunts so dear,
And find eternal spring-time then
Within some happier sphere.

Columbus, Miss.

Lisette Clayton Hood.

SPRING.

We hear the robins chirping,
The grass is turning green,
The Crocus buds are peeping,
All things are sweet and clean.

It makes us feel like living,
To inhale the pure fresh air,
To gather fragrant flowers,
In meadows everywhere.

Spring! Spring! a word refreshing!
It makes the heart rejoice!
Let winter be forgotten,
While hearing April's voice

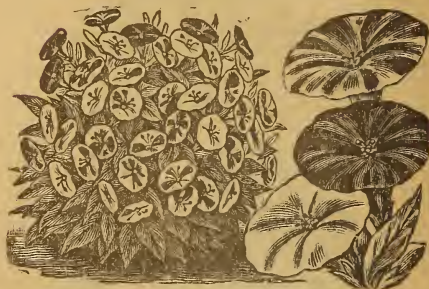
Erie, Pa.

Flora Powell.

MIRABILIS.

When Morning Glories, fast asleep,
Lie dreaming of the morrow's dawn,
When from the East the sun shall leap
To greet them o'er the dewy lawn;
When Daisies fold their petals white,
And drowsy hangs the Rose's head,
'Tis then, to greet the coming night,
Your perfume, faintly sweet, is shed.

Like Fairies, dressed in robes of silk,
Your blossoms now shake out their folds;
Red, yellow, pink, white, too, as milk!
What wondrous shades the eye beholds!
While from the heart of each is sent
A perfume subtle, sweet and rare—
A charm that Nature kindly lent—
Though fair, to render you more fair



My summer garden, ne'er shall miss
At four-o'clock the wondrous sight
Of fairy blossoms sweet as this,
To move the senses with delight.
So, hold secure within my heart
A place forever all your own—
A place forever set apart
For you, dear flower, and you, alone.

Cardwell, Va

Annie Smith.

HEARTSEASE.

You send these lovely Pansies
For Heartsease here to me;
They take away all bitterness,
Bring tender "thoughts" of thee—

The Pansy's velvet softness,
With colors rich and rare,
Speak out a different language,
Than other blossoms fair.

They tell of sweet and tender thoughts,
Of loyal hearts and true;
And bring a fragrant, healing balm
No other flowers can do!

Dear friend, you understood so well,
The flowers meant to please;
The Pansies bring us tender thoughts,
The only *real* Heartsease!

McKeesport, Pa.

Mrs. Ella N. Hoagland.

SONNET.

The love that suffers; aye, endures all things
The fertile mind of malice could formulate,
Or the harsh hands of stern, malignant hate
Shape: meeting unjust odds; malicious stings
Of vicious hearsay; faith that steadfast clings
Though elements oppose; nor stops to debate
On danger's brittle brink; each morn to await
That day's expected hoard—the morrow brings!

That love you knew not; nor with patient hand
The season of the ripened sheaves could bide,
Against the famine of those long, lean years
Whose penitent figures darken'd down the land;
Each petitioning palm extended, open wide,
The scanty alms unseen through blinding tears.
Shelbyville, Ind.

Alonzo Rice.

THE JOYS OF HOME.

When our daily toil is over
And the shadows hover 'round,
There's no place like home to gather,—
Where such lasting joy is found;
Other places may allure us
For a while to tarry there,
But no place like home assures us
Of such joy, so free from care.

Though our home may be a palace
Or an humble cottage wall,
It will always bid us welcome
When on it we chance to call;
And there's joy within its bowers
That is pure and calm and sweet,
Though that home may be a palace
Or a cottage on the street.

Homes, then, are not built of marble
But of souls of kindred thought,
And the joy that home has given
Ne'er with money yet was bought;
For although we must have money
Which by honor we secure,
It, a home can never make us
If there's that and nothing more.

But the home that makes us happy
Is the home where honor stays,
And it may be built of marble,
Or of rustic logs and clays;
But beneath the roof that shelters
Those of kindred heart and mind,
You find joy and peace and gladness,
That you nowhere else can find.

So then let us prize the blessing
Of the place that we call home,
For we know not in the future
Where our feet may have to roam;
And the joys that linger 'round us
In the fire's warm glow at night,
Let us now enjoy their blessing
Lest they sometime take their flight.

Yes, our hearts they throb with rapture
When the daily meal is spread,
Or upon our downy pillow
Down we lay our aching head;
There's no need that one be lonely
In a home that is their own,
Where each inmate is a ruler,
And each heart a royal throne.

Ah, there's joy we scarce dare mention
In the quiet by the hearth,
Not the loud and giddy laughter,
But a calm and steady mirth,
Flowing on like peaceful water
With a ripple here and there,
Just enough to break the surface
Of its steady, even glare.

Ah, the depth of joy that's broken
By a ripple now and then,
When the storms of life assail us
In the quiet of our den;
Ah, the joy to know we're sheltered
From the storms that cross our way,
Just to know that home awaits us
At the closing of the day.

Home! where kindred spirits gather
In the quiet even tide;
Home! where those who most adore us
Help our faltering feet to guide;
Joys there are that linger round it
That we scarce would stop to guess,
Till we see some way-worn pilgrim
In a barren wilderness,

Looking, longing, ever waiting,
With no place to call his own,
Lodging here, and there, and yonder
With no kingdom and no throne;
'Neath a sheltering rock they tarry
Till the owner claims his right,
Then again they flee for shelter,
Staying only till the light.

Fleeting shadows, they, like angels
Ofttimes bring a message gay,
But we cannot bid them tarry.
And they dare not ask to stay;
When we see them here, and yonder
On their lonely pilgrim way,
Then the joys of home seem dearest
While within its walls we stay.

As the moon that casts its shadows
On a clear September night
Fills our world, if we're not slumbering,
With a soft enchanted light,—
So the soft warm light reflected
From a home that's filled with love
Ofttimes gives us strength for climbing
To the lofty heights above.

Alma, Ill

Hattie Ross Sanders.

SPRING'S RETURN.

A Robin calls with a wooing note
From the cherry tree down the lane;
It's first glad song awakes the world—
For spring is here again!

And Llaacs nodding in the breeze,
Their subtle fragrance rain;
Each swaying blossom seems to say
That spring is here again!

Two Meadow-larks on nearby posts,
Carol a thriving strain,
As they look about to choose a home,
For spring is here again!

Bees and Butterflies wing busily by,
And in no spot remain;
The Woodpecker rattles away with vim,
For spring is here again!

Then thru the dusk, down by the pond,
Frogs croak with might and main;
All Nature tries to let us know
That spring is here again!

Cheerily, happily, every hour,
Our hearts join their refrain;
For we know that spring-time, glad time,
Has come to us again!

Trafalgar, Ind.

Ruby Othei Green.

HARUSAKI:

Faint, far melody comes stealing
O'er the grove this luminous night,
And my heart a joy is feeling,
Joy in moonlight pure delight
In the sweet, strange novelty
Of this evening by the sea
Early springtime.

Vapory moon o'er scented gardens,
Cool air, leafless cherry-trees
Sprinkling snow-flowers like spring's pardons,
Bringing glad festivities!
From the boat I hear the laughter
Of a *getsha* trailing after,
Lanterns glow, the town-folk throng,
Dressed their best, the groves along
Happy springtime!

Baltimore, Md

William Thompson.

THE TRAINING.

"As the twig is bent, so the tree's inclined"
We surely know;
And so in body and in mind,
We all must grow
Then train the children in their youth
To work and pray and tell the truth,
And joy will crowd e'en to the roof,
And banish woe

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

THOUGHTS OF MOTHER.

Dedicated to the boys at the training camps. (Tune of Anne Laurie.)

I'm thinking now of Mother
At the dear home far away,
Thoughts of me I know are with her,
And oft for me she'd pray.
Our Nation called us here,
The country we must save,
And I know that Mother's willing,
For her heart is strung and brave.

Oh, back from in the cradle
My steps did Mother trace;
It sets me in my glory
To see her smiling face.
So, of her worth I'll sing,
And let her praises rise,
For the thought of Mother cheers me
Like the rainbow in the skies.

Yes, thoughts of her rest sweetly,
For Mother loved me so,
She toils for me unceasing
And ne'er does weary grow.
For 'twas her great delight
To do the things for me,
And dear Mother now I'm praising,
For her goodness I can see.

'Twas hard, I know, dear Mother,
When first we two did part,
But your spirit stood up bravely.
And had this in your heart:
"I'll ask the Lord that He
Would keep a watchful care,
On my boy and all the others,
Speeding justice everywhere".

Well, the war will soon be over,
For the end we now foresee;
We'll see the world rejoicing
And the people glad and free,
Then we'll come marching home,
Our Mothers feeling proud,
And the stars and stripes a-waving,
Mid cheers and music loud.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 1918. Albert E. Vassar.

THE NIGHT OF THE SPRING RAIN.

From purple clouds that veil the sky,
The spring-rain comes below;
Her nimble feet, in scented showers,
Dance on the plum-tree show.

The little rain, with gentle hand,
Sweeps forth her zither-showers,
And scatters gifts not yet revealed
In dawn's unopened flowers.

She comes, the child of lasting good,
Down from the pine-clad height;
And, standing tiptoe on the pool,
Throws kisses to the light.

The loose-hair draperies of her gown
Are azure-hued and fine;
Her feet on last year's fallen leaves
Make music at a shrine.

And we, who this warm night of spring,
Sit quietly within,
Look forth to see, beyond the vale,
Her spirals downward spin.

Baltimore, Md. Will Thompson

APRIL.

Buds are swelling on the Maple trees,
Birds are singing in the balmy breeze,
Frogs are calling from the marsh, "peep! peep!"
Woody Violets lift their heads from sleep.
Warsaw, Ind. A. E. Smith.

THE BEAUTIES OF NATURE.

I came through the gardens at even
And found that the gardens were fair,
In winter or springtime or summer
The beauties of Nature are there.

You may notice in May's blooming orchard,
Flashing orioles, many a pair;
In the grass blades, and stately blue Iris,
The beauties of Nature are there.

June has Roses and Lilies of beauty,
Of the long year her days are most rare;
August brings in the rich, golden harvest,
The beauties of Nature are there.

Autumn tints all the woodland with glory,
Diamond ice covers trees that were bare;
Winter morn light on snowy fields glisten,
The beauties of Nature are there.

Nevada, Ia., Jan. 28, 1918. Edna W. French

GOD'S FIRE.

Oh my ha'th is col' tonight, with its ashes drifted
An' de woodpile by the cabin's mighty low! [white,
De kiver's gittin thin, an' de frost is creepin' in—
But God will light His fire in de mornin'!

De day 'li be fair an' fine, an' de blessed sun 'll shine,
'Twill melt de fros' clean out'n ole folks bones;
In de chimbley-jamb out dare, in my ole split-bottom
I'll be settin by God's fire in de mornin'! [chair,

An' all ole nigga's know how its flame 'll warm an'
Tili de winter-time and mis'ry done forgot! [glow,
In de glory of its beam of de summer-time we dream,
When God's fire is a-burnin' in de mornin'!

It's a mighty scanty sup dat 'll fill de ole man's cup,
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But, praise de Lawd above, in de fullness of His love
He'll light His fire for me in de mornin'!
Tallahassee, Fla. Anne McQueen.

IN SPRING-TIME LONG AGO.

Long ago in springtime, darling,
When the apple-blossoms fell
All around; and, also, darling,
When the joys we loved so well,
Ended all too soon, oh darling!
And the kisses were so new—
And so sweet, to me, oh darling,
Then the sky was always blue.

For each moment with you, darling,
Made life sweeter then to me,
And each smile of yours, oh darling,
As I sat upon your knee,
Made me happy, oh my darling,
And your face I now can see;
Would that you were with me darling,
Just now, as you used to be.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 6, 1918. Amelia C. Hampton.

THE BEAUTY OF THE RAIN.

The beauty of the rain! Oh, the beauty of the rain!
Over hill and over plain, it is raining Daffodils,
My days of sunny hills, my Anemone-fringed rills.

afternoon and after while, and the Poppy gives a
smile,
Where the lyric lanes beguile, and the rivers glow in
sun.

Oh, the beauty of the sun, after rains have kindly
done!

Slanting lance and azure sword bring renascence
from the Lord.

Shall we pull the fairy cord, seeing back of cloudy
skies

Worlds of Larkspur—butterflies?

Baltimore, Md.

Will Thompson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Iowa.—Mr. Park: While we are all interested in our plants and flowers, we have to divide our attention with the demands of our Country and in caring for the brave boys who are going over to defend our nation's rights. And while writing I would like to speak a word for a good working woman of middle age who wants a home. She would care for an elderly couple, or keep house for a widower with children, country preferred. She wants a good home rather than high wages, and can give good references. Her address is Mrs. Susie E. Meyers, Clinton, Ia., Gen. Delivery.

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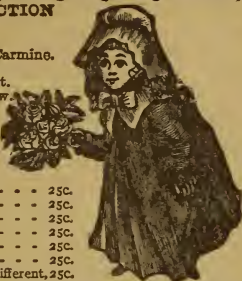
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CORRESPONDENCE.

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IN THE BACK YARD

Feeding Table Scraps.

Raising small back-yard flocks of chickens on table and kitchen scraps to produce the family's eggs and part of its meat supply is a solution of one of the problems of the high cost of living, according to Farmers' Bulletin 889 of the United States Department of Agriculture, "Back-yard Poultry Reeping." Even as few as six or eight hens, should produce eggs enough, where used economically, for a family of four or five persons throughout the entire year except during the molting period of the fall and winter. By the preservation in waterglass of surplus eggs produced during the spring and early summer, even this period of scarcity can be provided for. The use of scraps in feeding will keep the cost of maintenance relatively low, since only a small quantity of supplemental feed will be necessary.

There is no necessity for the back-yard poultry flock to become a nuisance to neighbors, says the bulletin. If the house and yards are kept reasonably clean there will be no annoying odors. The noise made by male birds can best be eliminated, it is suggested, by the elimination of the male bird himself. The fact that there is no male in the flock will have absolutely no effect on the number of eggs laid by the hen.

One of the general-purpose breeds, such as Plymouth Rock, Wyandotte, Rhode Island Red or Orpington, is preferable to the smaller breeds, such as Leghorns, if the flock is to contribute to the family meat supply as well as to furnish eggs. If the production of eggs is the principal aim of the poultry farmer, however, it will pay to

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CORRESPONDENCE.

From So. Carolina.—I am a reader of the little Magazine and I do enjoy it so much, as I read about the different flowers. It is a great pleasure to work and be among the flowers and watch them growing. This old world seems to be a beautiful place when we have flowers and other things of nature around. The burdens of life are made so much lighter and are forgotten when our souls are filled with the beauty of the sweet flowers. * * * Our Cosmos, Marigolds and other fall flowers are beauties now. We have some pretty Coleus plants raised from seeds. Every one who sees them exclaim over the beauty of the foliage.

I would like to get letters from Christian friends to pass away time during the Winter, as I get lonely. Miss May Bailey.
Lancaster, S. C., R. 6, Box 26, Oct. 19, 1917.

From Arizona.—Mr. Park: Oh, do please come to the rescue. So many are taking me to task for calling the lovely Mariposa Lily a Turnip. Horrid. Now, really, I surely was not at fault, as I must have written it Tulips (Wild Tulips) in the August issue of the Floral Magazine. A flower lover from California sends the enclosed sketch, and classes the plants as species of Calochortus. Mrs. C. Bly.

Yucca, Arizona, Aug. 25, 1916.

[Note.—It is always easy to put the blame of an error upon the compositor or typesetter. Of course those acquainted with the Mariposa Tulip will recognize the statement as an error.—Ed.]

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Victor L. Catlin.

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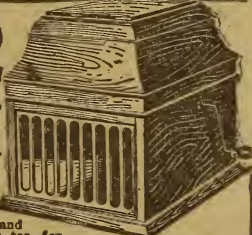
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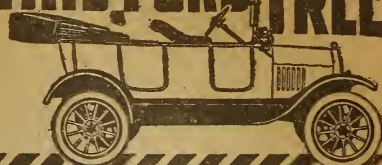


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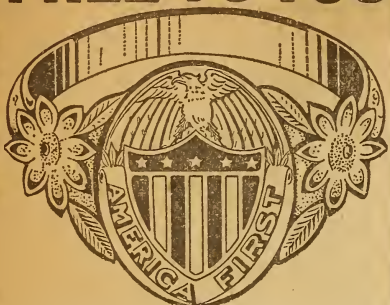
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With the return of the birds this Spring, their warfare on insect enemies begins in all the crop-producing areas of the temperate zone. As far as results are concerned, the cats might as well be allied with the enemy insects because they destroy the friendly birds.

A lecturer at the New York State College of Agriculture said recently, that there may be some cats which do not catch birds. In fact for some time he cherished a picture of one of these saintly felines only to discover afterwards that a former owner of the cat absolutely knew that the tabby's record was by no means spotless. Some 107 kinds of useful birds are known to be killed by cats. A careful record showed that 226 cats killed 624 birds in one day, and that 33 cats killed 239 birds in a week.

The cat is suppose to kill rats; sometimes it does, but as a result of a census taken in several counties where cat owners were asked if they considered their cats good ratters, it was found that only a fifth of the cats were rat hunters. One storekeeper said he had had fourteen cats to keep his store clear of rats, and they did it. But the cats eventually proved as much of a bother as the rats, so he got rid of them.

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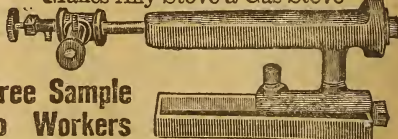
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By IDA W. MUDGETT

Cromwell, Wash., July 30th.

For a number of years Mrs. Berry, of Cromwell, has been nursing a strange looking, unattractive plant for the promise that it held.

The plant looks somewhat like a long-jointed snake, but instead of being round it tends to be four-sided. Sprangling out from the body of the plant and extending upward for more than half the entire growth are numerous fiber-like looking growth—air roots, for the plant partly draws its sustenance from the air.

The plant is trained around a small trellis-like frame for support. The faithful caretaker noticed a few weeks ago a peculiar growth foreign to the general structure of the plant appear upon one of the upper joints, and watched the growth eagerly, knowing that it was the beginning of the strange fulfillment of the promise.



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On last Thursday evening at about 6 o'clock she noticed the growth she had been watching so closely, began to tremble, and the bud opened very slightly on one side. Very shortly the trembling (an actual visible vibration) resumed, and opened further. At intervals the trembling of the bud structure recurred until in the course of a couple of hours the promise was fulfilled and there was revealed to the enchanted gaze a thing of most rare and ethereal beauty, a beautiful large white flower, 30 inches in circumference and 10 inches across. It spread out wide and saucer-shaped like a lotus, but facing one like a pansy. To the casual observer the petals of the flower seemed to be white, but to the more intense observer they were seen to be of the faintest elusive green, and then again a smallest elusive tint of chrome yellow, or again the surprised gaze saw them to be the faintest ethereal blue, only again as he looked to be changed into the snow-white that he thought it when he gaze first fell upon the flower.

Both the calyx and corolla of the flower seemed to be fashioned of a superfine tissue-silk, but the petals and sepals were opaque; but still so fine and ethereal was the material that the gaze did not rest upon the surface but seemed to penetrate into the substance of the material. One would say that it was woven on the heavenly loom by the hand of the queen of spinners—Minerva. The white style extended out to the edge of the petals and terminated in a stigma

that resembled the legs of a large white spider. The hair-like filaments capped with the white stamens sprang from the core depths of a dark green cup, which reminded one of a moss-lined well. Even the dark green of the cup and the red, brown and yellow of the bracts, surrounding the long slim sepals, gave the spectator the same peculiar impression of depth to their substance.

The impression the plant gave, taken as a whole, was distinctly contradictory. The plant itself, with its goat-like tentacles standing out from the plant into the air, grasping, self-centered, distinctly a thing of earth, while the flower brought something of the realization of what a plant could produce evolved to a perfect state, perhaps as on Venus—plant of perfect love. It belongs to the Cactus family and is called *Cereus grandiflorus*: Queen of Night.

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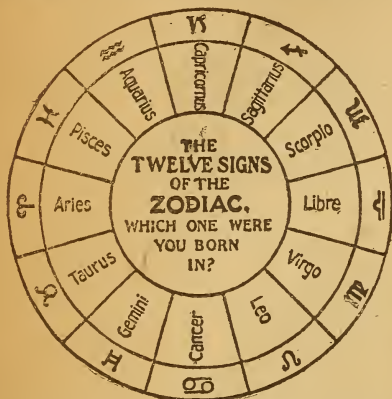
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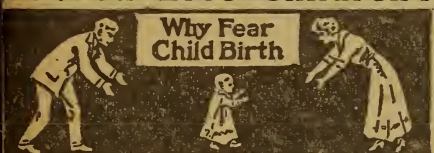
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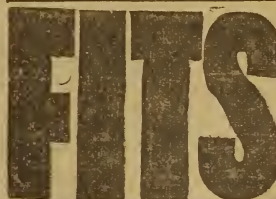


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